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A Message from Mayor Annette Iafallo – \$34 Million in New Private Development Targeted for Former Bethlehem Steel Site

Yesterday was a big day for Lackawanna development, with announcements of a combined \$34 million in new private business investments coming to the former Bethlehem Steel site.

SUCRO SOURCING, LLC is expanding in Lackawanna through a \$19 million investment that will transform the remains of three abandoned and decaying industrial structures on the northern end of the complex (near Gateway Metroport) into newly refurbished and repurposed facilities to include a raw storage warehouse, a sugar refinery, packaging and finished good warehousing and offices.

The sugar refinery would be the first of its kind built in North America. Work on these projects is expected to begin on February 1 and continue over a two year period. Upon completion, 75 new jobs are planned for Sucro's expanded Lackawanna operation.

UNILAND DEVELOPMENT has acquired over 9 acres of land from the Buffalo & Erie County Industrial Land Development Corporation (ILDC) for the purpose of investing nearly \$15 million to construct a 150,000 square foot multi-tenant light manufacturing/warehouse facility. Uniland is expected to close on the land purchase in late spring and begin construction shortly thereafter. The new facility will be located along the Dona Street Extension.

Uniland will become the first developer and second business at the commerce park site — TMP Technologies, the makers of Magic Eraser cleaning products, is finalizing construction of a 290,000 square foot manufacturing facility – also along the Dona Street Extension – which is expected to open this summer and bring 120 existing and new full time jobs to Lackawanna.

This \$34 million in combined new private investments at the former steel plant complex is a huge step forward in our efforts to rebuild the City of Lackawanna's business economy and increase local job opportunities. Through our strong partnership with NYS, Erie County and the EDICA – and the vision and confidence of private investors – the former steel plant complex is being transformed into a modern commerce park that will breathe new economic life into Lackawanna and Erie County for years to come.

I want to thank County Executive Mark Poloncarz, ECIDA President and CEO John Cappellino and his team, and the ECIDA Board of Directors for being great partners in working my office and Director of Development Richard Stanton to secure these major development projects for Lackawanna.

Annette

Below are images of the Sucro Sourcing and Uniland projects. Full press announcements can be found on the City web site at <http://lackawannany.gov/marketing-media/>

